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Total Claims	-20** =	X	=	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims						
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 260	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 3,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920	1804 920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	160
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	160
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 235	Design issue fee	
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1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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